

COMMISSION FOR THE CELEBRATION OF THE 100TH
ANNIVERSARY OF THE BIRTH OF THEODORE
ROOSEVELT

JUNE 18, 1956.—Committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State
of the Union and ordered to be printed

Mr. FRAZIER, from the Committee on the Judiciary, submitted the
following

R E P O R T

[To accompany S. 3386]

The Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the bill (S. 3386) to amend the joint resolution entitled "Joint resolution to establish a commission for the celebration of the 100th anniversary of the birth of Theodore Roosevelt," approved July 28, 1955, having considered the same, report favorably thereon with amendment and recommend that the bill do pass.

The amendment is as follows:

On line 8, strike out "\$461,000" and insert in lieu thereof "\$100,000".

AMENDMENT

The amendment reduces the total authorization for the Theodore Roosevelt Centennial Commission from \$461,000 to \$100,000. The Committee on the Judiciary adopted this amendment to conform the authorization for this Commission to amounts authorized or appropriated for similar recent celebration commissions.

STATEMENT

Public Law 183 of the 84th Congress (69 Stat. 384), approved July 28, 1955, established the Theodore Roosevelt Centennial Commission composed of 15 Commissioners to prepare plans and a program for signalizing the 100th anniversary of the birth of Theodore Roosevelt in the year 1958, including plans for the completion of the development of the Theodore Roosevelt Island in the Potomac River and the completion and development of Theodore Roosevelt National Memorial Park in North Dakota.

Pursuant to the provisions of that act, the Commission was organized as follows: the President of the United States, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives, all ex officio.

The President of the United States appointed eight members of the Commission as follows:

1. Mrs. Hazel H. Abel, of Nebraska.
2. Gov. C. Norman Brunsdale, of North Dakota.
3. Mr. Hal Davies, of North Dakota.
4. Mr. Hermann Hagedorn, of New York.
5. Mrs. Sherman Post Haight, of Connecticut.
6. Judge Herbert Millen, of Pennsylvania.
7. Mr. Lowell Stockman, of Oregon.
8. Mr. Oscar S. Straus II, of New York.

The President of the Senate has appointed two members of the Commission as follows:

1. Senator Karl E. Mundt, of South Dakota.
2. Senator Joseph C. O'Mahoney, of Wyoming.

The Speaker of the House of Representatives appointed two members of the Commission as follows:

1. Congressman Steven Derounian, of New York.
2. Congressman Leo W. O'Brien, of New York.

On December 16, 1955, the Commission met at the call of the Assistant Secretary of the Interior for the purpose of organization. At that meeting which was presided over by Senator Joseph C. O'Mahoney, the following were elected and subsequently confirmed by the full membership of the Commission: Vice President Nixon, as Chairman; Senator Joseph C. O'Mahoney, Vice Chairman; and Mr. Hermann Hagedorn, as Secretary and Director. Mr. Conrad L. Wirth, of the District of Columbia and of the Department of the Interior was named fiscal officer.

Subsequent meetings of the Commission's executive committee and full membership were held on January 18 and February 15, 1956, for the conduct of the Commission's business. Temporary headquarters for the Commission have been established at Theodore Roosevelt House, 28 East 20th Street, New York City.

Section 7 of the original resolution authorized an appropriation of not more than \$10,000 in the belief that the sum would be sufficient for the organization of the Commission and the preparation of the initial report to the Congress. This has been done and in accordance with the provisions of the act of July 28, 1955, the report was filed with the Congress on March 1, 1956.

In its report the Commission indicates its plan for the celebration of the 100th anniversary in 1958 of the birth of President Theodore Roosevelt. These plans include the distribution of the book, *The Free Citizen*, which consists of speeches and writings by and about President Roosevelt, the stimulation and development of appropriate programs in the cities, States, and Territories of the United States and stimulation of programs, articles, and published material through the media of mass communications. In cooperation with the National Park Service the Commission has planned the erection of an appropriate memorial on Theodore Roosevelt Island in the Potomac River as a part of the development of the island. These agencies have also cooperated in planning the development of Theodore Roosevelt

Memorial National Park in North Dakota. The Committee on the Judiciary considers these plans and programs meritorious and recommends favorable consideration of S. 3386 with the amendment reducing the total authorization for the life of the Commission to \$100,000.

CHANGES IN EXISTING LAW

In compliance with clause 3 of rule XIII of the House of Representatives, there is printed below in roman existing law in which no change is proposed, with matter proposed to be stricken out enclosed in black brackets, and new matter proposed to be added shown in italics:

PUBLIC LAW 183, 84TH CONGRESS, 1ST SESSION (69 STAT. 384)

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SEC. 7. [There are hereby authorized to be appropriated such sums as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this joint resolution, but in no event shall the sums hereby authorized to be appropriated exceed a total of \$10,000.] *There is hereby authorized to be appropriated not to exceed the sum of \$461,000 to carry out the provisions of this joint resolution.*

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